May 20, 2010

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 547 – Wicomico County, Worcester County, and Somerset County – Boards of Elections – Membership.

This bill alters the number of regular members of the Wicomico County Board of Elections, the Worcester County Board of Elections, and the Somerset County Board of Elections. It requires the members of the local boards to be of specified political parties and requires that a vacancy on the local boards be filled in a specified manner.

Senate Bill 748, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 547.

Sincerely,

Governor